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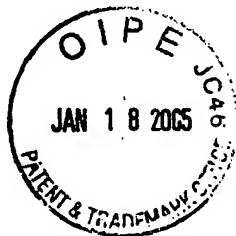
For: CORE BIT HAVING FEATURES
FOR CONTROLLING FLOW SPLIT

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Examiner: J. Gay

Group Art Unit: 3672

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed November 5, 2004, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on February 5, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.